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1. the resolution approved by the 21st Plenary Session of the SED Contral Committee relative to the reduction of production costs accessitated the discharge of many employees. About 300 employees, at least 50 percent of them SED members, are scheduled to be discharged by VEB Stahl- und Walzwerk Brandenburg. VEHZ Schrott (nationalized Trade Central for Scrap Iron) must discharge about 40 employees. Administrative agencies are also 25X1 affected by the economy drive. Most of the employees discharged will probably have to be employed as laborers. a privately-owned enterprise 2. 25X1 in Bezirk Neubrandenburg which had 60 employees and workers was forced to discharge 22 persons. The measure was motivated by a shortage of similar measures were also taken by other materials. 25X1 enterprises of the Bezirk. In January 1955, nationalized and state-owned enterprises had to

discharge personnel or give notices of discharge. Those affected by this measure had to remain at their places of work until they were assigned other jobs. It was believed that most of the personnel discharged were 25X1 to be employed in agriculture.

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